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THE
HUMBLE ADDRESS and RECOGNITION
OF THE

University of Oxford

PRESENTED TO HIS

SACRED MAJESTY

JAMES II

KING
OF
ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, FRANCE, and IRELAND
Defender of the Faith, &c.

According to an Act of Convocation bearing date,
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May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſties moſt Dutifull and Loyal Subjects your Univerſity of OXFORD, do here proſtrate our ſelves at your Royal feet, to preſent with all humility this public teſtimony of our unfeigned ſorrow for the Demiſe of our late dread Sovereign of bleſſed memory, and withal from the bottom of our hearts to adore, and magnify the Providence of our good God, by whom Kings reign, who out of his unſpeakable mercy to this Church and State, has preſerved your Sacred Majeſty in the Government of theſe Kingdoms.

And as we can never ſwerve from the principles of our Inſtitution in this place, and our Religion by Law eſtabliſht in the Church of *England*, which indiſpenſably bind us to bear all Faith and true Obedience to our Sovereign without any reſtrictions or limitations; ſo we cannot but moſt thankfully acknowledge that further

obligation your Majeſty has laid upon us, by your Royal aſſurance to defend that Religion, which to the Joy of all our Hearts you have vouchſafed to give us in your late moſt gracious Declaration.

Wherefore out of a deep and hearty ſenſe of our bounden duty, as alſo of your Majeſties moſt Princely Grace, and tenderneſs to your People; we preſume to aſſure your Majeſty, that no conſideration whatſoever, ſhall be able to ſhake that ſtedfaſt Loyalty and Allegiance, which in the days of your bleſſed Father that Glorious Martyr, and in the late times of diſcrimination, ſtood here firm and unalterable to your Royal Brother and your Self, under the ſharpeſt tryals: and that we ſhall conſtantly (by Gods aſſiſtance) with our utmoſt zeal and fidelity improve all thoſe advantages, wherewith God and your Majeſty have entruſted us in this ancient Nurſery of learning; to promote the quiet, happineſs, and ſecurity of your Majeſties Reign over us.

And Finally we ſhall never fail to be earneſt ſollicitors at the Throne of Grace, that it would pleaſe Almighty God, who of his infinite Goodneſs hath ſetled You in peace upon the Throne of your Royal Anceſtors; to be henceforth and for ever the defence and ſhield of his Anointed, to protect your Perſon, and prolong your days: and when You ſhall have finiſht your courſe upon Earth in Peace, and Honour; to tranſlate You from one Crown to another, to a never failing Crown of Glory in his everlaſting Kingdom.

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